

Mount Airy  
Warsaw Vicinity  
Richmond County  
Virginia

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MOUNT AIRY  
Warsaw Vicinity, Richmond County, Virginia

Owner: Gwyn Tayloe

Date of erection: c. 1758

Present condition: Good; interior main house rebuilt after fire, 1840.

Description:

Stone; two stories; hipped roof; four center chimneys; both fronts seven bays; three-bay pavilions in center; all sash modern. North front has recessed loggia, first floor, with Doric piers and entablature over. South front has rusticated arched recessed loggia. Pavilions limestone; also quoins and window trim; ashlar local brown sandstone. ENGLISH, AQUIN, RAPPHANNOCK STONE

Dependencies two stories; hipped roofs; central chimneys. Connected to house by quadrant passageways.

Reference: Waterman and Barrows, Domestic and Colonial Architecture of Tidewater Virginia, p. 127

In Memoriam, Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, Washington, 1872. P. 7

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ADDENDUM  
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Addendum to  
Mount Airy (John Tayloe Plantation)  
.3 mile west of State Route 646,  
.4 mile north of intersection  
with U. S. Route 360  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Richmond	TOWN OR VICINITY Warsaw vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Mount Airy		HABS NO. VA-72
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE John Tayloe Plantation		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) .3 mile west of State Route 646, .4 mile north of intersection with U.S. Route 360		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1758	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) attributed to John Ariss	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Mount Airy is the most outstanding 18th century stone house erected in Virginia and the earliest known full Palladian villa constructed in the American colonies.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian (Palladian)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 5-part plan, with main house, covered passageways and flanking dependencies; main house is 2-story, 7-bay front; passageways are 1-story; dependencies are 2-story, 3-bay fronts		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Main block: projecting 3-bay central pedimented pavilions on NE and SW facades with rusticated cut-stone decoration; NE facade has recessed entrance loggia and Doric pilastered piers; SW facade has arched rusticated recessed loggia; stone cornice, quoins, belt course, water table and window architraves		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Interior of main house gutted by fire in 1844		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey Virginia Catalog.</u> 1976 A National Historic Landmark		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Druscilla J. Null, HABS	DATE 8/12/83	

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